

REMARKS

Claims 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, and 91 are presented for consideration by the Examiner. The remainder of the claims have been canceled without prejudice to future submission in a subsequent application.

In the Office Action Mailed May 4, 2004, claims 26-31, 44-70, 72-78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, and 90 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 71, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, and 91 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,579,318. Claims 71 and 79 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over FR 2,736,357 to Vila et al.

Claims 71 and 79 have been canceled herein. Moreover, a terminal disclaimer is enclosed herewith with the appropriate fee, to overcome the double patenting rejection of claims 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, and 91. Accordingly, claims 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, and 91 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION AND AUTHORIZATION OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

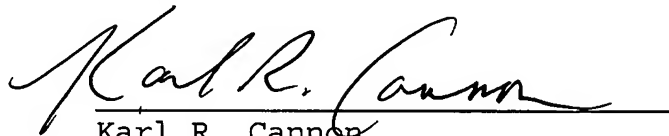
In view of the foregoing, applicants believe that claims 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, and 91 are all allowable and the same is respectfully requested. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Response, and such

impediment could be alleviated during a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to initiate the same.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0836.

DATED this 7 day of September, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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